A DECLARATION OF THE LORDS and COMMONS *Assembled in Parliament.*

For the speedy putting this City into a posture of defence, and to fortifie all the passages into the same, Divers Rebels, Traytors, and other ill-affected people, in pursuit of a wicked design to alter Religion, being now marching against the Parliament for destruction of the same, and of the City of *London.*

Also an Ordinance of both Houses, declaring their Resolutions of making provision for those that shall be maimed in this present war, who are in the service of the Parliament; and for the wives and children of those that shall be slaine.

Die Martis 25. Octob. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, that this Declaration and Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

J. Brown Cler. Parl.

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WHereas divers Rebels, Traitors, and other ill-affected people, in purſuit of a wicked deſigne, to alter Religion, and ſubvert the Laws & Liberty of the Kingdom, are marching againſt the Parliament, and for deſtruction of the ſame, & of the City of *London*, having plundered, ſpoyled and deſtroyed divers of His Majeſties good Subjects in their paſſage, to the great terror of the people, and danger of the Parliament, City, and of the whole Kingdom; for the prevention wherof, It is ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that the Committee for the *Militia* of the City of *London*, be authorized & required to take a ſpeedy courſe to put the City in a poſture of defence,

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to resist and oppose all such Force, to fortifie all the passages into the same, Suburbs and places adjoyning whether the same be within or without the said City, and Liberty; likewise all the streets of the same, and that they have power, and be authorized to leavy the Trained-bands and other Forces of the City as well Horse as Foot, and to place the same under fit Captaines, and other Officers for defence of the Parliament, City, Suburbs, and other his Majesties Subjects, And to lead and conduct the said Forces as well in the places without the said City, and Libertie, as within, and to give battell and fight with the said Rebels and Traytors, their adherents, and all other that shall approach with any force towards or against the City, or raise any insurrection within the same, and them to invade, resist, represse, subdue, pursue,

kill and slay, and put to execution of death, and by all means to destroy as enemies of the Kingdom; And to perform all things else needfull for the preservation of the Parl. and City, either by water or Land, observing from time to time such other directions or commands as they shall receive from both Houses of Parl. the Committee for the safety of the Kingdom, or the E. of *Warwick* Lo: General; And for their so doing this shal shal be a sufficient warrant.

The said Lords and Com. do further ordain and declare, That the said Committee for the *Militia*, & every of them, & all the Commanders and Officers imployed in this service, And all other his Majesties officers & Subjects whatsoever in the execution of the premises shall be saved harmless, & defended by the power & authority of both Houses of Parl.

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AN ORDINANCE OF The LORDS and COMMONS *Assembled in* PARLIAMENT.

WHereas divers persons now are or hereafter may be in the service of the Parliament, in the present War undertaken for the preservation of the Kings Majesties Person, the defence of the Religion and Lawes of the Realm, and of the just liberties of the Subjects, who have little or nothing to maintain themselves, their wives, and children, but by their own labours, The Lords and Commons for their better

better encouragement in the ſervice, do order and declare, that they the Lords and Commons will provide competent maintenance and allowance for ſuch of them as ſhall be maimed, and therehy diſabled by their labour to provide for themſelves, their wives or children, as formerly they did. And in the diſtribution of ſuch allowances and rewards they will alwayes have regard to the deſerts and ſervice of each perſon. And in caſe any ſuch perſon ſhall bee ſlaine. that they will make proviſion for the livelihood of their wives or children.

And in caſe any perſons of eſtate ſhall be ſlaine, or die in this ſervice, the ſaid Lords and Commons doe declare, that they will take the eſtates, wives and children of ſuch perſons into their protection; And in caſe their eſtates ſhall not at the time of the death of ſuch perſons be ſetled, they will be alwayes aſſiſtant to the friends of the party deceaſed

deceaſed, in the ſetling & diſpoſing of their eſtates in ſuch manner as may bee for the moſt advantage of their wives and children and poſterity know the reſpect they beare to the memory of thoſe who have ſpent their lives in the ſervice of the Church and Commonwealth.

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Newes from the Armie;

As it was brought by the Lord Wharton, and Mr. Strode, to both Houses of Parliament.

UPon Wednesday in the afternoon, *October* 26. 1642. the Lord *Wharton* accompanied with Mr. *Strode*, a Member of the House of Commons, came to both Houses of Parliament with a Message from His Excellencie the Earl of *Essex*, Being a Relation of the Battel fought between His Majesties Forces and them, on Sunday the 24. of *October* to this effect.

God hath given us the Victory, the particulars are these.

Lord *Lindsey* Generall of the Field for His Majestie, is hurt and taken.

Also Sir *Thomas Lunsford*, Sir *Edward Stradling*, and Colonell *Vavasor*, are Prisoners now in *Warwick* Castle.

And it is said that the Lord *Willoughby*, the Lord of *Lindseys* Son is taken.

Our losse is about 300. whereof of note Sir *Iames Ramsey*, and Colonell *Essex*, and Captain *Danes* Arm is broken.

All our Noble Lords are in good health.

And more, have taken 6. Cullors, and His Majesties Standard. We have also taken five Waggons laden with Ammunition and Plate, by Captain *Bridges*, and a Coach and eight Peeces of Ordnance, the King and Prince being all the while at Sir *Edward Copes* House at *Harwell*, and now intends to march towards *Northampton* with three hundred men.

The Kings losse three thousand.

The rest of His Army is routed, and the Earl of *Essex* remains Master of the Field.

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